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## New Habitat Incentive Payments!

Incentive payments for a variety of wildlife habitat enhancement practices are available to landowners enrolled in VPA-HIP. Practices include (but not limited to):

- **Prescribed Burning**
- **Native Grass & Forb Establishment**
- **Wetland Restoration**
- **Invasive Species Control**
- **Wildlife Shrub Establishment**
- **Mowing**

Contact your Public Access Liaison for assistance!



## Our Mission

*To protect and enhance our natural resources: our air, land and water; our wildlife, fish and forests and the ecosystems that sustain all life.*

*To provide a healthy, sustainable environment and a full range of outdoor opportunities.*

*To ensure the right of all people to use and enjoy these resources in their work and leisure.*

*To work with people to understand each other's views and to carry out the public will.*

*And in this partnership consider the future and generations to follow.*



## **Voluntary Public Access & Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP)**



## **Private Lands Leased for Public Access**

## **For Landowners**

**Bureau of Wildlife Management**  
**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**  
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Madison, WI 53707-7921  
Visit: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) Keyword: vpa

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# Voluntary Public Access & Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP)

## Program Information

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) provides financial incentives to private landowners who open their property to public hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife observation and enhance wildlife habitat. Funding was appropriated through the 2014 Federal Farm Bill.

### Eligible applicants

Any landowner who is located within an eligible county is welcome to apply. However, priority will be given to properties greater than 40 acres with at least 25% usable cover, and those located near existing public hunting or fishing grounds.

### Eligible Land Types

Grassland, wetland, forest, and in some cases agriculture land are eligible for enrollment. Parcels enrolled in other conservation programs such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), and Managed Forest Law (MFL) are also eligible for enrollment.

### Annual Lease Rates (3 year leases)

Agriculture Land: \$3/acre  
Grassland/Wetland: \$10/acre  
Forest land: \$15/acre

### Habitat Incentive

Landowners who enroll in VPA-HIP will also receive technical assistance regarding support for habitat enhancement practices with a range of incentive payments.

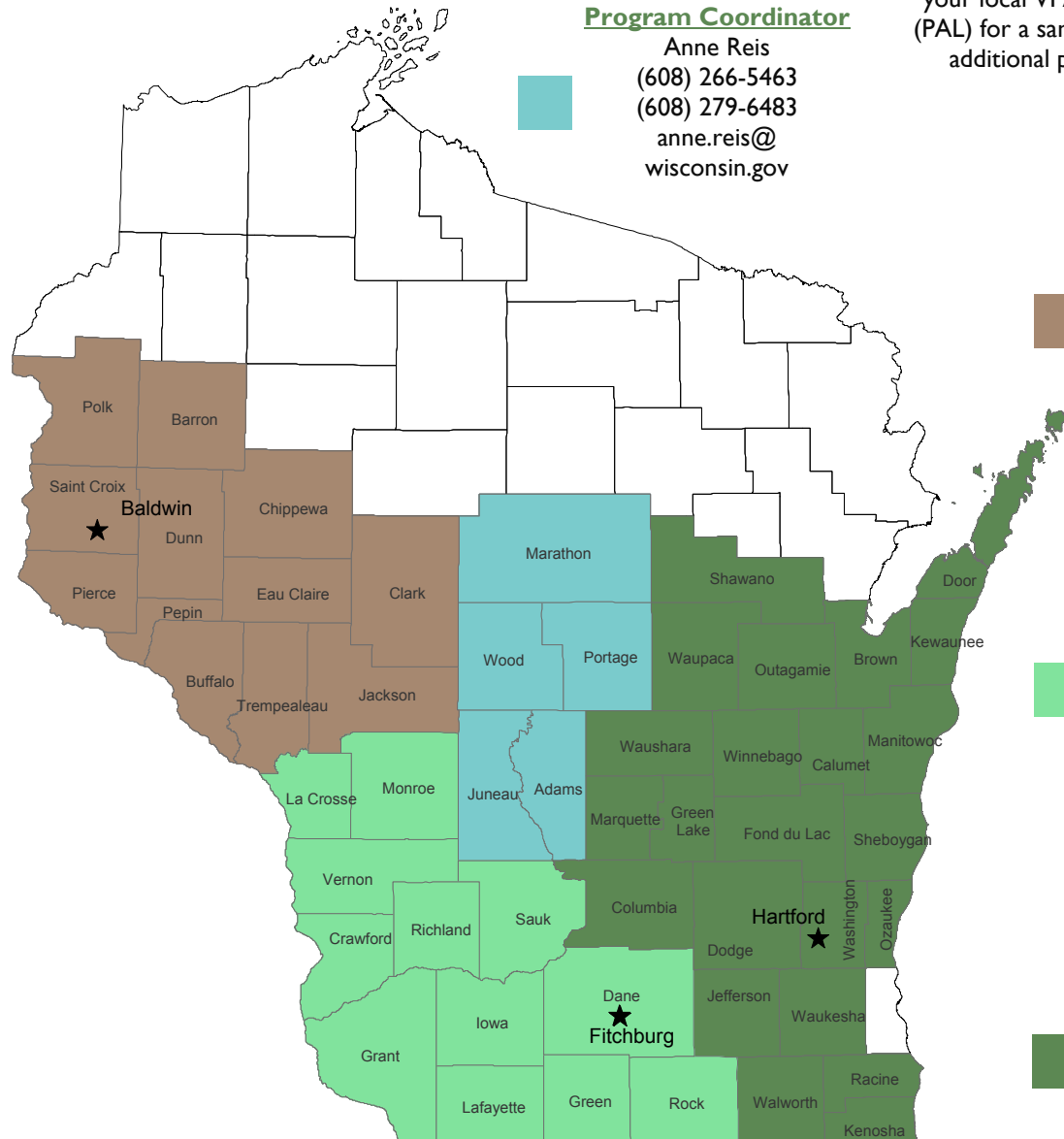
### Liability

Wisconsin Statutes 895.52 provides liability protection for landowners from injury or death of individuals occurring during participation in outdoor recreational activities on their land.

### Property Locations

To find VPA properties open to public access, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov> and search "VPA".

## Public Access Liaison Service Areas



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## Interested in enrolling your land into VPA & HIP?

Contact the Program Coordinator or your local VPA Public Access Liaison (PAL) for a sample lease agreement or additional program information.

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